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## THE MAIL ELECTION

Baltimore, Aug., 7, 1905.—Being apprised of the grossly illegal manner in which the election (?) at Kansas City Convention was held, it was obviously manifest that, to preserve the dignity and prestige of the united Amateur Press Association, a legal election must be held, wherein the members at large should participate—not only thirty-one persons which was the greatest number of votes cast at the Kansas City fraud.

With this laudable motive in mind the singers of the "Proclamation Extraordinary," compiled said proclamation and appointed a provisional board of officers, the assistant-secretary whereof sending to each U. A. P. A. member a blank proxy ballot to be cast at the special mail election on Monday, August 7th.

With commendable loyalty almost every recipient of such a ballot and communication, immediately filled out same and forwarded it to the Custodian of Ballots, so that it might reach him before the count.

On August 7th., the Election Board, comprising Messrs. Cornelius M. Smith, Chairman and Custodian of Ballots, Miss Henriette Trinite and Rudolph Klein, assembled at the home of Mr. Klein and counted the ballots with the following result:

### PRESIDENT

**Smith 41, Wehking 21**

J. W. Smith declared elected.

### VICE-PRESIDENT

**Martin 33, Harrison 24, Russell 6**

H. E. Martin declared elected.

### SECRETARY

**Cornelius Smith 34, Daas 26**

C. M. Smith declared elected.

### TREASURER

**Appleby 35, Keefer 21**

P. H. Appleby declared elected.



"CLEVELAND 1905"

### OFFICIAL EDITOR

**Chase 52, Pickrell 6**

L. B. Chase declared elected.

### HISTORIAN

**Haggerty 55, other candidates 11**

V. Haggerty declared elected.

### LAUREATE RECORDER

**Emory 49, Haward 4**

F. S. Emory declared elected.

### E. MSS. MANAGER

**Hamilton 40, Reely 22**

A. M. Hamilton declared elected.

### W. MSS. MANAGER

**Brechler 43, Goens 14**

L. G. Brechler declared elected.

### DIRECTORS

**F. D. Murphy 51, W. R. Murphy 40, J. J. Hennessey 11, J. A.**

**Clerkin 29, H. R. Brown 10, B. H. Akers 1, Erford 3, John W. Smith 7, C. A. Haugh 9, J. C. Pryor 2, C. H. Russell 2.**

Frank D. Murphy, Wm. R. Murphy and James A. Clerkin declared elected.

### CONVENTION SEAT

**New York 27, Baltimore 25, Philadelphia 1, Milwaukee 4, Chicago 3.**

New York declared elected.

### AMENDMENTS

Amendment No. 20 received sufficient votes to pass it.

(Signed) CORNELIUS M. SMITH,  
Chairman and Custodian of Ballots  
RUDOLPH W. KLEIN,  
HENRIETTE TRINITE



## THE MUDDLE

### A FEW STATEMENTS THEREON

(Cohen did not reply to a request for a statement on this.)

FROM F. D. Murphy :

Brantford, Ontario, July 20th, 1905.  
To Chase :

Your letter of the 16th inst. at hand. \*\*\*\*I may say it is humiliating to be put in a false light before the association, but it is nothing to having your friends(?) give credence to the falsifications of political "heelers" such as Cohen, DeHaan, Darragh and Seymour. Not content with being found guilty of having been fraudulently elected president at Baltimore, Morris J. Cohen thought to do more dirty work by holding back my report.

\*\*\*\* I sent the report to M. J. Cohen, in care of Ira Eugene Seymour. On July 6th, I sent my official report as Secretary for 1904-05, and the following day I sent the list of members who had renewed. As to whether or not the reports were received the following will show :

### KANSAS CITY POST OFFICE

Kansas City, Mo., July 17, 1905.

Frank D. Murphy, Sec'y.

United Amateur Press Association,  
85 Albion St., Brantford, Ontario

Dear Sir :

Replying to your letter of the 15th inst. concerning delivery of two special delivery letters addressed to Morris J. Cohen, Midland Hotel, this city, I have to advise that one letter was received at this office July 8th at 11.00 P. M. and was delivered at 11.50 P. M. same day. R. Van Ginter receipted for same. On July 9th another letter was received and delivered at 12.30 P. M. C. S. Gardner receipted for it.

(Signed) J. H. HARRIS,  
Postmaster

Gardner and Van Ginter who signed for the letters presumably are clerks at the Midland. Therefore Morris J. Cohen has deliberately lied when he disclaimed receiving these reports.

Read Article XIII of the Constitution.

In view of the fact that Cohen withheld my report and that the convention illegally threw out the proxies, I claim that the election at Kansas City was illegal. Therefore until another election is held the officers of last year alone are legal. Until such a time I am Secretary of the U. A. P. A.

FRANK D. MURPHY

FROM SEYMOUR :

August 3, 1905.

WHEREAS : I, Ira Eugene Seymour do hereby state and set my name to attesting that I did not receive the books of the United Amateur Press Association containing the list of paid-up members and addressed to Morris J. Cohen, care of I. E. Seymour, Midland Hotel, Kansas City, Mo. I do further state as far as I know, said books were not received by any person present at the convention,  
(Signed) Ira Eugene Seymour

FROM KANSAS CITY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT :

I have investigated same. The letter and report was delivered to I. E. Seymour. (the clerk was not positive) I have been able to link things together pretty well and understand that he then went to Publico's room for conference. There it was decided that to save the proxies, which were undoubtedly for Wehking the stuff must be destroyed; the stuff was then taken to Lind's room, in his absence, and pushed into the toilet, the string pulled—well you know the rest. "O"

FROM WEH KING :

\*\*\*\* As for the proxies being thrown out, whose fault was it? Murphy is trying to crawl out by saying he sent them to Cohen at the Midland. I have a letter in his own handwriting received at Kansas City, Saturday morning, July 8th, in which he says he sent report to me at K. C. and now he says he sent to Cohen. Which are we to believe? Had I not a right to expect them sent to me at K. C. and therefore should we expect that he had sent them to somebody else and that they were held back? Yet he blames me for being "duped" by the machine, as he puts it. It was his fault that we were "duped" and he can't crawl out of that. \* \* \* \*

## DILLON ASSUMES CONTROL

WHAT HE HAS DONE IN HIS EFFORTS TO BRING THE CONVENTION EAST

Jersey City, July 15th, 1905.

To Chase :

Prepare to get out August "U. A." at once. Frank M. will supply you with funds. Write the following board of officers and tell them to send in their reports, acceptance of office, etc. If any fail to comply, write me at once and we will put someone in their place we can trust. We must, at any hazard snap the

string of the "combine" that is dragging the United down.

The following ticket is the probable winner had there been no double dealing at K. C. (with the exception of Murphy and Cleary, of course, but we can't afford to give the handling of the funds to Walker and Daas. Their lies our strength. The Directors are "my own" but as both Smith and Haugh were nominated I think it is as near a probable result as we can tell. You have the backing of the old Boudites, old man, so don't hesitate. Here's the board :

President, Wehking ; Vice President, Martin ; Secretary, Murphy ; Treasurer, Cleary ; Official Editor, Chase ; Historian, Haggerty ; Laureate Recorder, Mrs. Emory ; E. MSS. Manager, Hamilton ; W. MSS. Manager, Brechler ; Directors, C. A. Haugh, J. W. Smith and Erford.

New York 1906 !!!

WALTER B. DILLON

Jersey City, July 17th, 1905.

To Chase :

In compiling new membership list drop all names of the "16" enemies at K. C. from list with the exception of those who appear on F. D. Murphy's paid-up list. Our "15" you can place on the list. Will explain this move in next letter. Am leading our side to victory, old man, and am blocking every possible move of the enemy.

WALTER B. DILLON

Jersey City, July 26th, 1905.

To Chase :

W. R. Murphy has made a decision declaring the election at K. C. illegal. Wehking has made no reply to repeated letters so I have been appointed president pro tem. Am preparing my first message to O. E. appointing Martin Vice President, Pickrell Official Editor, Haggerty Historian, Hamilton and Brechler MSS. Managers and New York 1906. All the other officers to remain. If New York fails to make good by January 1st, 1906 I will change convention seat to Baltimore. I have nothing to do with the ballot recently sent out, nor with anything Clerkin has done. Wouldn't support Clerkin in any move. You can incorporate anything I say into news. Le Diabole is in press and will explain my position.

WALTER B. DILLON

Chase took a set of 15 pictures at the Kansas City convention and will finish up a set for any amateur for the cost of the material—50 cents.



## IMPRESSIONS

*By Edward M. Lind*

The Amateur World has kindly asked me to write of a few of the impressions I gained while in Cleveland at the Convention. In doing so I confess it is with no little difficulty, because in the meeting of so many amateurs as were gathered there—a meeting of the flower of intellectual youth—one gathers so many impressions and views that cannot be given expression save in a lengthier paper.

In thinking of the Convention at all I cannot help but remember the supreme asinity of men like Mellinger and Brodie and Nixon who, in nominating Mr. Campbell for the editorship, took occasion publicly to tell William R. Murphy, a man who has done more for our cause than any other amateur within decades—even though he is slightly taken with the Cleveland momomania or shouting from the housetops what is being done—that were it not for his connection with the Interstate Association he would have been given that office. It struck me at the time as a peculiarly subtle compliment to Mr. Campbell, who is himself a member of the Interstate; and a commentary on the gentleness of Mr. Murphy's nature in taking it in good grace.

Of the other amateurs, with a few exceptions and notably the ladies, it is difficult in this gathering of intellect and culture and gentle polish that I could not mingle with them from my own low sphere; but the most vivid remembrance of the Cleveland Convention, with the already noted exceptions, is of the days, long weary days, I spent riding across the Continent. It seems to me even now, a fortnight since my return, that I feel the nerve wrack of those days spent whirling over clattering rails and the nights in close berths on trains that raveled as fast as human ingenuity could invent.

In other places where I visited on this trip I had a really delightful time, a time that I am reserving the recounting of for a future paper. My impressions of the Convention attendants are still in embryo, and at a later time, when the tinge of spleen is passed, I may find a pleasure in writing of them in my poor feeble words.

Yet Smith, Smith. O yes, Smith. The man who was made a ludicrous spectacle of by Mr. Murphy when he was tendered the payment of a wager in a few brilliant scathing remarks at the banquet, and who heightened the spectacle himself by stumbling through a lame foolish reply.

## THE OCCASIONAL DINNER

EDWIN HADLEY SMITH OF NEW YORK  
GIVES CHICAGO OCCASIONAL A  
UNIQUE VEGETARIAN DINNER  
IN CLEVELAND

If you had been at Cleveland you would know it and if you weren't there you must believe it, that the Vegetarian Dinner given By Edwin Hadley Smith of New York to The Occasional Press Association of Chicago was absolutely the best thing that happened at the Convention and that is very high praise because so many good things happened there. Only the Elect were there, the famous trio and Vida Combs comprised the gentler company and Edwin Smith, Tim Thrift, Warren Brodie, Linden Dey, Walter Chiles, Walter Mellinger, Carl Hegert, Sam Dehaan Eugene Seymour and John Nixon took the nicest, most gallant care of them. Smith was the happiest man on earth the evening of July 17th, and it made everybody else happy just to watch him hustling around helping the girls and boys; first he stood at his place at the head of the table between Sunny and Freezette and instructed us all how to eat the stuff and what to tackle first. Those "Pan Peptogens" put a swift end to all clatter because as soon as you took one you immediately forgot which were teeth or tongue, we were told to take five chews but I declare that I took a thousand and would still be chewing if Tim hadn't suggested a remedy. No one fared better than I expect perhaps Smith and I am sure he never touched one. The most enjoyable thing in Smith's eyes was the manner of Brodie's attacks upon the various delicacies, did any one ever see Brodie so noisy, so boyishly delighted and amused?

Before the watermelon came Brodie played a neat little trick. There was a telephone in the parlor and he called up the dining room and ordered enough lamb chops, beefsteaks, and bullions to keep the entire crowd satisfied for a month and he ended up

with: "yes charge it to the man in parlor B. Who? Why Edwin Smith of course. All right hurry the order along. Goodbye." Poor Smith turned purple for what with that vegetarian dinner and all those breakfasts, lunches and other dinners how in the world was he to get to the "Window" and Philadelphia? But the order never came and Smith forgot and smiled again. Walter Chiles was the dearest man because he gave the girls the very biggest and best pieces of that very delicious watermelon and while he was doing it and came back to his own generous half (of watermelon not girl) lo and behold that mischief Brodie had eaten the entire heart out out!

## SEATTLE CLUB'S SECOND FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The Seattle Amateur Press club held its second Fourth of July celebration at the delightful home of Miss Nellie Bischoff at Colby, Kitsap Co. The trip was made on the palatial steamer, "Sentinel." The members were treated to the biggest and best dinner they had partaken of since the preceding Fourth. Ice cream, cake and lemonade were on tap at all times. The exercises were held in a pavillion on the grounds belonging to Mr. Bischoff. Roy Erford presided, Miss Bischoff read the Declaration of Independence. Ray Fuller expressed the thanks of the visiting amateurs, Earle Rowell delivered the prophecy. Roy Davidson stirred the patriotism of his auditors with his fiery oration. The rest of the day was spent in boating, bathing, black berrying, firing cannon crackers and dynamiting stumps. Most of the crowd returned on the evening boat, but two young men were left behind. In fact they just managed to get back in time for the meeting of the club the Saturday evening following. On the evening of July 8, the club meeting took the form of a moot senate. Each member was given the name of some senator, by which he was known throughout the evening. A woman's suffrage bill was under discussion. The bill was passed, but on reconsideration it was lost. Misses Clark, Brace, Bischoff and Messrs. Parker, Jacobson and Groves championed the bill, while Messrs. Rowell, Fuller, Davidson, Littlefield, and Erford led the opposition. Much excitement was aroused, and a good deal of open and flagrant bribing was carried on.



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## KANSAS CITY AFFAIR

Since returning from the convention, affairs in the United have attained a peculiar tone.

Harry Walker and I stayed up all night July 9th trying to figure out some way to get a paid-up list of members so that the proxy ballots might be counted but to no avail. It appeared that Secretary Murphy had not sent this list. There was no conclusion to the problem. Murphy had promised H. G. Wehking to send the list to him was all we knew. Wehking had not received it. Precedents had always before been to have the duplicate proxies present at the convention. But these were not there either. Secretary Murphy sent word he would open the duplicates and wire the result if necessary. It would mean a good many dollars in expenses to wire the results. This plan did not seem possible for two reasons: the large expense and it did not seem right to leave the counting of the proxies into one man's hands. And did the secretary have any more right to open and count the duplicate proxy ballots than any other person? Would it not have been a better plan to follow the unwritten law of his predecessors and forwarded the duplicate proxies to the convention?

As there was no other way, the following day, Monday, the convention elected officers. The officers were elected and should receive the support of every loyal U. A. P. A.ian. Of course it does not seem right to see them elected by 31 members but what could have been done with such complications arising?

There is now one thing to be done—only one thing can be done and be legal.

If Secretary Murphy could count the duplicate proxies, he must have in his possession a paid-up membership list. The original proxies are to this date unopened. The list of paid-up members should be furnished to the proxy committee consisting of Walker, Seymour, Pickrell and Chase, appointed at K. C.

and the original proxies should be counted and the result added to the convention vote. I will go to Kansas City on date set by Ex-President Cohen to do my share if Pickrell will do the same. We are the only non-residents of Kansas City that are members of the committee. Should Pickrell not accept this plan, I will appoint a party to represent me and he may do the same and the committee can then count the ballots. I sincerely believe that this is the only way to settle the present mix-up and split.

The mail election held by certain members on August 7th is not legal and the officers elected are not officers of the United Amateur Press Association.

Should the whereabouts of the books which Secretary Murphy claims to have sent to Kansas City be found out or it be found that the report of their destruction is true, the members concerned should be expelled from the association permanently.

It appears that the only motive that the several parties of revolutionists have is for personal gain. The welfare of the U. A. P. A. is not being considered when steps are taken that have been.

## NEW CONSTITUTION

It does not seem clear to those not present at the Kansas City convention about the various amendments to the constitution. For instance, one party had an idea that something was said about consolidation, and so put an asterisk after every person's name that was in attendance at the convention, in some literature which was distributed to the members of the U. A. P. A. enclosed in an envelope with a proxy ballot.

For the benefit of those who do not know I will endeavor to explain about the constitution. Every amendment was adopted according to strict parliamentary procedure as the minutes in the September Official Organ will prove.

The change in the constitution which states that amendments must be published in April United Amateur was suspended by unanimous vote of those present at the convention. This was done according to Cushing's Manual. Amendments were then proposed briefly as follows:

Name changed to United Amateur Press Association of America.

The office of Second Vice-President was added, the occupant to be a lady member only.

The months of issuing the *United Amateur* were changed to September,

November, January, March, May and July. Thus giving the official Editor sufficient time to issue his first number while the July number will supply the latest list of members, etc.

The Official Organ allowance was raised to \$120 per year, allowing a sufficient sum to publish the organ.

It was made a law that the secretary be required to have duplicate proxies at convention.

Every officer is required to issue a paper four times a year or be removed by the president.

Any intelligent person can readily see that every amendment adopted is for the betterment of the association.

A number of members headed by Walter B. Dillon of Jersey City have appointed a temporary board of officers for the association, but of course such a ridiculous move as this is not worthy of a minute notice.

LEE B. CHASE

## BITS OF NEWS

Mrs. Emory was forced to retire from activity on account of ill health.

Major A. H. Hutchinson, 1201 Treat Ave., San Francisco, California, who belonged to the National in the early '80s, has joined the United. He has charge of a well-known Boys' Club and publishes *Our Junior Citizens* in its interest.

During the coming year *The Chum* will be published quarterly on account of the school work of the editor.

Miss Emile Naatz, 1231 Richards St., Milwaukee, Wis. has old papers for the postage.

Lucky Dog will appear September 1st.

John W. Boud was married to Miss Perrine of New Jersey, July 4th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wendemuth, St. Louis.

After spending August 8 and 9 in Chicago, Anson Lindbeck left for Bishop Hill, Illinois where he will make a stay of two weeks. From there he will return to Sorento, Illinois and finally remove to Oklahoma, where he will locate permanently.

Andrew Lockhart of Milbank, South Dakota, spent some time with the Smith Brothers of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, in the early part of August.

Anderson has papers for the postage.

Milwaukee amateurs visit the Chicago Club Sunday August 20th.



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## CHICAGO AMATEURS ORGANIZE EDITORS' CLUB.

Halloween night the Editors' Club was organized in Chicago with Carl Hegert as President. The new organization is affiliated with the Amateur Press Club of Chicago and is to stimulate further activity in this club. Every member is required to issue a paper at least four times a year and must be a member of the A. P. C. of C. The new club is also preparing special features for the entertainment of the National convention should Chicago be selected. The members are Hegert, Chase, Thalman, Kerber, Seymour, Honeywell, Speaker and Lindquist. The club meets on alternate Tuesday with the local club.

The amateurs (mainly members of the Editors' Club) of Chicago have bought the printing outfit of Fred Kinzel, and are preparing to issue some fine papers on their new Gordon press. An adjoining room to the shop will be occupied as the permanent headquarters of the Editors' Club, and a library of Amateur Journalism will be permanently established. The amateurs concerned consider this new movement in obtaining permanent quarters and the co-operative amateur print-shop one of the features of the year in the history of A. J.

It is necessary that every member edits a paper at least quarterly, and contributes to other papers without the thought of overcrowding.

So it is assumed that the flames of A. J. will receive a severe poking-up, and that much can be expected from this part of the amateur literary field.

Treat yourself, and visit the Editors' Press when in the city. You will miss seeing a great *achievement* in the growth of Amateurdom if you don't.

We would like to demonstrate the matter if given the pleasure—1907?

FRED J. SPEAKER.

## IN BRIEF.

The Baltimore Amateur Press Club is making extensive preparations for the entertainment of the first convention of the Atlantic Coast Amateur Press Association.

The A. C. A. P. A. includes the entire East, and that a large crowd will participate in the affair on New Year's Day is evident from the amount of messages received by entertainment committee from those who will attend.

Mr. J. T. McCaffrey is to be married in December. He is the first of the B. A. P. C. members to take this step, and it is hinted that the Pipers' Club will tender him and his wife a big reception at Atlantic Coasters' convention.

"Who will be the next Convention Belle?" is the question Atlantic Coasters are asking each other. The girl selected will surely be crowned with honors rivalling those conferred upon Miss Hilda Jæger.

The amendments and revisions to the constitution adopted at Kansas City convention were not recorded accurately, and therefore a new constitution is to be published, including a few new necessary clauses, and submitted for vote before convention.

The Western Amateur Press Association has again come back into prominence and is as strong as ever. Official organ is in press, edited by Ward Coble. President Chase is pushing activity. Chicago is prepared for convention and expects many delegates to attend, enroute to Milwaukee.

*The Prairie Star* is in press. David Dyson, Mansfield, Ill., editor. Reinstated in United.

Chase has snap-shots of Kansas City convention groups and other amateur gatherings which he will finish up for cost of material.

The Southern Amateur Journalists'

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## EXTRA! EXTRA!

### Davis Removed.

ERFORD IS NOW PRESIDENT.

### United Trouble Settled?

It is stated with good authority that the United trouble has been settled.

J. F. Roy Erford, Vice President elected at Kansas City, has been appointed President. Those officers not living up to the activity requirement have resigned or are removed.

We quote two letters just received:—

Milwaukee, Nov. 27, 1905

Dear Chase:—

Davis has been removed and Erford is now President. Our boys are tired of all this quarreling and will undoubtedly decline the convention. For myself I'd quit the whole affair were it not for a few reasons which I may explain to you later.

EDW. DAAS.

Brantford, Canada,  
Nov. 28th, 1905.

Dear Lee B.—

Is Seymour dead? Next time you see him tell him he has killed himself with me by not living up to his promise. I've got enough out of him anyway.

Well, old fellow, I may surprise you, but I have hoisted the white flag. We are not crawling, you know, but recent developments make it necessary. You will know that Daas, Erford, Hamilton, Brechler and Pickrell have broken away from the Davis outfit. Harris Reed is now Davis' secretary. Now the fellows I have named are good amateurs, and my object is to bring them and the Mail Election crowd together. Daas *et al* won't stand Smith for President of the Peace Board, tho', but will



accept Wehking, Erford or me. I bar Wehking—he doesn't possess executive ability—but am ready to accept Erford, or I will act myself.

Milwaukee is ready to let the 'vention go to N. Y. I propose that the election and Constitution as adopted at K. C. be renounced by the K. C. supporters, and one of the following to constitute the "Peace Board":

Erford—President—F. D. Murphy  
 Martin—Vice Pres.—Martin  
 Daas—Secretary—Daas  
 Appleby—Treas.—Appleby  
 Pickrell—O. E.—Pickrell  
 Haggerty or —Hist.— Haggerty or  
 Dillon Dillon  
 Ford—L. R.—Ford  
 Hamilton—E. Mgr.—Hamilton  
 Brechler—W. Mgr.—Brechler  
 W. R. Murphy } { W. R. M.  
 F. D. Murphy } Di's { J. W. S.  
 J. W. Smith } { Erford  
 N. Y. or Milwaukee 1906!

Yours,

FRANK D. MURPHY.

## IN KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, October 30, 1905.

In spite of the fact that Chicago is now the center of attraction for amateur journalists, we still have a wide-awake, active club.

We are sending out no papers, at present, besides our official organ, yet we do not consider that activity necessarily lies in this direction. We are helping our own members, individually, and Amateur Journalism, as a whole, by the splendid literary programs that are being presented by our members.

After all, the purpose of an "A. J." club is not to make itself well known, but to help its individual members to reach a higher plane of literary ability and practical culture. Several of our oldest and best members are absent from the city, and, while we miss them very much indeed, yet the newer members are doing their part bravely, and we intend to keep the "K. C. A. P. C." one of the foremost clubs in Amateur Journalism.

Send in all the A. J. news.

## IN BRIEF.

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Association will hold a proxy election on the 10th of December.

The South now has fifteen papers hailing from within her boundary line.

J. Everett Ewing has certainly made a failure of his paper; it has failed completely. Where is *Failure*?

The South is after the 1907 National convention. Chicago, New York and Boston have had two or three each since the South had one; won't they please act fairly?

A. M. H.

J. Irene Maloney returned to Chicago from her extensive visit to Mexico November 1st. "Sunny Jim" carries the same sunny smile and is as happy as ever.

Sam DeHaan was in Chicago December 2nd.

BALTIMORE.

The B. A. P. C., although apparently for the Kansas City crowd, has only five members supporting said K. C. bunch, while there are ten other members in the club. There has been a sudden influx of pretty girls into this organization, and they are as nice and sociable as they are pretty.

The B. A. P. C. holds its election the 21st of December. The ring has announced its candidates, but it is too early to predict the outcome.

C. A. Haugh is no longer active in the club, having been transferred to the associate membership list. He is following the study of law at the University of Maryland.

Miss Trinité, a popular young lady, has been forced to discontinue her activity in the local field, and attends but few meetings, her time being taken up by the study of phonography.

The *Commentator*, *Oriole*, *Amateur Recorder* and *Rex*, the editors of which are all supporters of the Reform party, will shortly appear. Those professing allegiance to Davis have published no paper, except *The Baltimore Amateur* by Miss Ferguson. Mr. Cleary is preparing a *Hibernian*, and thus you see which side in the split is the most active in Baltimore.

The Baltimore amateurs are planning another play, as they did last year.

CONNIE M. SMITH.

R. F. Gerrish, publisher of *The Amateur Press*, is now located in Cherryfield, Maine.

MILWAUKEE.

The local amateurs gave a "County Fair" on Saturday night, October 28th, at Thomas Hall. The hall was appropriately decorated with cornstalks and pumpkins. One ante-room was fitted up as a country store, where the Misses Daas and Meyer, dressed like German village maids, served pink lemonade, apples and stick candy.

Messrs. Ahlhauser, Ebert and Daas represented the local club at the Chicago reunion dinner. Miss Frees entertained the delegation the following afternoon and evening at her home.

Mr. Sam DeHaan attended a meeting of the local amateurs held at the home of Miss Daas, Monday, October 23rd.

Mr. Ebert will commence the publication of an amateur magazine after the holidays. The Misses Janssen and Daas will issue a paper during the month.

The Seventh Anniversary of the Philadelphia Amateur Journalists' Club was commemorated at the regular meeting of the club on Tuesday evening, October 24th, at the home of former president Arthur R. Stanton. After enjoying one of the club's old-fashioned "home banquets," toasts were responded to as follows: P. A. J. C. History, W. R. Murphy; The Strollers, J. Ray Spink; Official Organ, Harold C. White-side; The Ladies, A. R. Stanton; The Gentlemen, Miss F. B. Boud; Critics and Criticism, Mrs. M. E. Oechsle; Future of A. J., John W. Smith; Reminiscences, Theo. G. Meyer. President Russell acted as toastmaster.

Maurice J. Cohen was married to Miss Charlotte Sellick in St. Paul, December 5th. They were entertained in Chicago on their honeymoon by Chicago amateurs.

Thalman was in Kansas City for Thanksgiving.

Walker is coming to Chicago soon to settle with Seymour.

Watch Chicago!



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## Editorial.

First, perhaps it would be well to explain that this issue is being rushed into print, and the news contained herein has not received the careful editing due it.

Arrangements had been made with Berry Akers for us to supply him with news, and he was to issue *Stork* each alternate month with this paper. News was accordingly supplied him for a November issue, and after holding same for a few days he returned *same* and broke his agreement.

The National association is plugging along at a good gait with little or nothing to disturb it. An average number of papers is being issued by the members.

The news of the settlement of the United association's trouble, if it can be taken as a settlement, is welcomed by all the members. It is about time this association came to some agreement, in order that it carry out the purpose of the organization. While it may have been necessary to split the association in order to grasp the political control from those not worthy of it, at the same time the object of the association should not be forgotten—"to unite fraternally all amateur journalists" and to advance Amateur Journalism. It would be well not to cast this aside for political ambitions.

There are two sides to the United dispute as well as other matters. A person can accuse another of some corrupt deed, but this does not necessarily signify that the person making accusation is not guilty of the same fault. *John W. Smith voted for Maurice J. Cohen for President at the Baltimore convention in return for the support of the Syndicate in his campaign for Official Editor.*

The Baltimore Club makes a grave mistake by allowing association politics to enter into their local club. It will do their club harm which sometime will be impossible to outlive.

Several *exposes* of corruption have been promised this paper in the near future.

All news for next issue must be in by January 20th.

LEE B. CHASE.

### Brown Will Remain.

Any attempt to remove me from the office of Director of the U. A. P. A. will be challenged and fought to a finish by me.

HARRY R. BROWN.

### A DESIRABLE EXIT.

It's lucky for the United that it has a split once-in-awhile, as this seems to be the only way to get rid of that undesirable mass that usually prove so detrimental to the progress of an association. When men get noisy because they cannot run things their own way, it is a mighty good thing for the peaceable members that some attraction proves entrancing enough to take them elsewhere. Their very methods in making the exit show only too plainly what kind of men they are. Honest men don't run away; they stay right in the midst of the fray and fight the issue. It's a pity some of them did not move out sooner, and show us what unprincipled mortals we were rubbing elbows with.

HARRIS REED.

## WHY REFORM!

*Reform!* What crimes have been committed in thy name. *Reform!* What a haven thy name furnishes the banditti of every clime. *Reform!* The slogan of every revolutionist and anti-everything else in existence. *Reform!* 'Tis to laugh—"Laugh and grow fat"—and that is what the "reformer" is doing, at the expense of the deluded mortals taking "reform" seriously.

*Reform* is a good word—because it sounds good, and looks better when in print. Therefore it must be a *good* word. It startles the natives and causes the politicians to scamper for cover. Therefore it *must* be a *good* word. Being a *good* word, it must necessarily follow, that *reform* and *good* are synonymous. Such being the case, what more convincing argument need be offered?

Pitt once said in the English Parliament:—"There are a variety of schemes, founded in visionary and impracticable ideas of *reform*." Thus you get *reform* in a nutshell—visionary and impracticable. In the nutshell edition, reform doesn't look so good, does it? But then, politicians have no use for reform; and consequently ridicule the idea as visionary and impracticable. Is this true? Probably. But then it depends whether you belong to the "ins" or the "outs." If the former, you have no use for *reform*; if the latter, you must reform everything in sight—and a good many things imaginary—in order to turn the "ins" out and thus get in yourself. Therefore, *reform* to a politician is a matter of whether you're "in" or "out." And of course, defeated candidates are ardent "reformers." This is another "nutshell" edition of *reform*—and the most popular.

Space forbids further treatment of this elusive subject. But before closing, we rise to remark that "all's not gold that glitters" and "all's not reform that bears the label." Therefore look before you leap. There may be a defeated candidate in the woodpile, and he wants to join the "ins." This looks like a condition—not a theory—in some quarters of Amateur Journalism. But is it?

G. W. DARRAGH.



# A LETTER AND A FEW REMARKS.

We print below a sample of the letters that are being sent by all true United members to a split faction who are parading as reformers of the association. This high handed method of publishing names in this connection without authority needs looking into. When men deliberately steal an association's funds and use for their own gain, it is about time to take strenuous action toward the recovery of such property. The association don't regret losing these kind of people as members, but they do object to such a downright steal. It is deplorable that such principles as these can exist in our amateur ranks.

## THE LETTER.

November First, 1905.

Mr. John W. Smith,  
2325 So. 16th Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
My dear Smith:—

Will you have the kindness to discontinue publishing my name in a paper called the *United Amateur*, which you seem to be sponsor for. I have no desire to be connected with any split faction of the United Amateur Press Association, as I do not favor such methods of procedure. If I think there is any wrong committed in an association to which I belong, I stay right on the ground and fight the issue. This splitting away to gain a point is simply committing another evil just as bad as that which you profess to be trying to remedy. I paid my dues to Mr. Frank D. Murphy for continuance of membership in the association that convened at Kansas City. As yet Secretary Daas has not received a remittance covering this sum. I wish to ask if a member has not the right to know the disposition of moneys paid into an association. It strikes me that this is withholding money from use in sources to which it was intended. One might question the honesty of such proceedings. In closing I again request that all affiliation of my name with this movement be discontinued at once.

Most sincerely,

HARRIS REED,

# THIRTEEN CLUB.

Something new, a real novelty—the Thirteen Club. What is it? Well, it is a fraternity consisting of thirteen members who have pledged themselves to meet once (and only once) a year, and that the evening following a convention session. Such was the outcome of a midnight lunch at Johnston's Cafe, Kansas City, the night following the first session of the Ninth Annual Convention of the United Amateur Press Association.

After the Pikers and S. & B.'s had held their respective meetings, the members felt the need of refreshments, and happened in at Johnston's. At the happy thought of Mr. E. B. Frawley it was found that exactly thirteen were seated around the table, and an organization was suggested. Accordingly Mr. Lee Chase moved that the thirteen originals be banded together and be known as the Thirteen Club. The motion being seconded, it was unanimously adopted—it being agreed that no more members should be admitted, and at each yearly meeting thirteen places be arranged around a festive board—matter not if only one original was present; in other words, the Thirteen Club is to be perpetual or at least kept up until all its original members have either died or become dead to Amateur Journalism.

Following are the officers in order of election:

- 1 Lee B. Chase, President, Chicago.
- 2 Samuel DeHaan, ———, Roxbury, Mass.
- 3 Harry Walker, Secretary, Kansas City.

SAM DEHAAN.

## Extract From Letter Received From John W. Smith, Dec. 7th, 1905.

"As soon as I have official information that Erford has assumed the presidency with an honorable and active board under him, I will issue a 'Peace Message' urging the members to help build up the United again regardless of whichever board they support. Every member whether he joined under Sec'y Smith or Daas will be recognized at

N. Y. and neither I or Davis or anyone else claiming to be a President of the Uapa will be allowed to preside, so as not to engender any bitter feeling. The convention will elect an impartial and neutral man as presiding officer so as to make the entire affair a harmony council. With only one election next July a split is prevented and peace assured."

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